

PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No.: 09/277,172	)	
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For: IMAGE COMMUNICATION	)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	:	December 20, 2005

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY CITED ART

Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated November 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. The Examiner is sincerely thanked for allowing this application.

Upon reviewing the prosecution history for the above-identified application, Applicant discovered that the cited art on the PTO-1449 form attached to the Information Disclosure Statement dated November 29, 2005 has not been acknowledged as being considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached with a copy of the return-receipt post card evidencing receipt of such

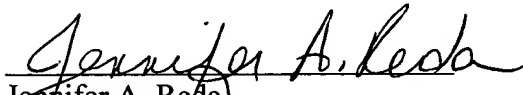
document by the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom. Applicant has not, to date, received confirmation that the art cited on that document was considered by the Examiner.

Accordingly, to complete the record, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward a copy of an initialed PTO Form 1449 confirming that the art cited therein has been considered and made of record herein.

It is noted that this Request is being submitted due to an error by the Patent and Trademark Office, and therefore, no time should be deducted from Applicant's term adjustment due to the filing or consideration of this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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